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Post Oak High School Renovates and Innovates in Houston's Museum District

HOUSTON, TEXAS—The Post Oak School will open the doors of its High School to the public on Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. for a walk through of the newly renovated building. The single-story structure, located in the Museum District, was built in the 1970s and features glass walls on its east and west sides, an open floor plan, flexible learning spaces, a science lab, and a multi-disciplinary studio workshop. Originally constructed as an office building and later occupied by a linen rental business, the structure was completely renovated to make way for an airy, light-filled learning facility.

Located on a bus line and just a short walk from the metro rail, the building allows students easy access to the school's partner institutions such as the Houston Museum of Natural Science, The Houston Zoo, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. It also serves as a staging ground for younger Post Oak students who travel to the Museum District for outings from the school's main campus in Bellaire.



When: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Where: Post Oak High School at 1102 Autrey St., Houston, TX 77006

FINAL TEACHING POSITION FILLED

Dr. Jan Ott has joined the Post Oak High School teaching team as the science specialist.

Dr. Ott comes to Post Oak from Chinquapin Preparatory School in Highlands, Texas, just east of Houston. She has been teaching high school and middle school science and mathematics at Chinquapin for the past two years and before that taught science and integrated studies for over 20 years at The Evergreen State College in Washington.

Dr. Ott holds a BS in Biology from Sarah Lawrence College and a PhD in Neurophysiology from the University of Southern California with a focus on the neuroplasticity of the brain. Her broad post-secondary teaching experience gives her a strong base for creating and participating

in a rigorous, reality-based science curriculum that emanates from the school lab and culminates in applied student interests throughout Houston's Museum District.

With this position filled, the full-time teaching team is complete: Jeremy Grisbee, mathematics and Spanish; Dr. Jan Ott, sciences; and Dr. James Quillan, humanities.

The high school faculty team will begin planning the 2012–13 academic year next month in the new building, as well as continuing the work towards International Baccalaureate (IB) authorization.

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The Post Oak School, a Montessori school, is an educational leader among both Houston's top private schools and the more than 5,000 Montessori schools across the country. Post Oak serves students from age 14 months through eighth grade, and is expanding with the opening of a high school in Houston's Museum District this fall 2012. It is one of the U.S.' oldest Montessori schools (the oldest in the Southwest and one of only four Houston [AMI](#) schools). We have attracted an accomplished team of faculty and staff and built a campus dedicated to learning. [Our mission](#), [our vision](#), [our method](#), and [our people](#) are the means by which The Post Oak School helps shape consistently high achievers.

The mission of The Post Oak School, as a school accredited by AMI (Association Montessori Internationale), is to provide a superior Montessori environment and dynamic learning experiences which are designed according to the developmental characteristics and needs of children: to guide and nurture each child—intellectually, socially, and emotionally.